

SENATE REPORT 111-38 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND
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Quincy Library Group [QLG].—The Committee is very concerned that the Service has been unable to meet the annual fuels reduction treatment goals required by the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Act, which prescribes 40,000 to 60,000 acres of treatments each year for the Plumas and Lassen National Forests and the Sierraville Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest. These treatments are essential to minimize the risk of stand-replacing wildfires which the area has suffered repeatedly, including the 2007 Moonlight Fire, which threatened communities and burned 65,000 acres on the Plumas National Forest.

The Committee is aware that the Service has preliminary treatment targets for the QLG area of approximately 18,000 acres in fiscal year 2009, including 3,000 acres on the Plumas National Forest, and approximately 21,000 acres in fiscal year 2010. The Committee is also aware that additional acre targets for future projects may be agreed upon by stakeholders. The Committee expects the Service to meet or exceed these preliminary targets and directs the Service to provide a report to the Committee within 60 days of enactment detailing the actual number of acres treated in fiscal year 2009 and the updated number of acres planned for treatment in fiscal year 2010, including the number of additional acres agreed to as part of the collaborative process.

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TITLE IV

THE HERGER-FEINSTEIN QUINCY LIBRARY GROUP, FOREST RECOVERY ACT

SEC. 401. PILOT PROJECT FOR PLUMAS, LASSEN, AND TAHOE NATIONAL FORESTS TO IMPLEMENT
QUINCY LIBRARY GROUP PROPOSAL.

(a) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term “Quincy Library Group-Community Stability Proposal” means the agreement by a coalition of representatives of fisheries, timber, environmental, county government, citizen groups, and local communities that formed in northern California to develop a resource management program that promotes ecologic and economic health for certain Federal lands and communities in the Sierra Nevada area. Such proposal includes the map entitled “QUINCY LIBRARY GROUP Community Stability Proposal”, dated October 12, 1993, and prepared by VESTRA Resources of Redding, California.

(b) PILOT PROJECT REQUIRED.—

(1) PILOT PROJECT AND PURPOSE.—The Secretary of Agriculture (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”), acting through the Forest Service and after completion of an environmental impact statement (a record of decision for which shall be adopted within 300 days), shall conduct a pilot project on the Federal lands described in paragraph (2) to implement and demonstrate the effectiveness of the resource management activities described in subsection (d) and the other requirements of this section, as recommended in the Quincy Library Group-Community Stability Proposal.

(2) PILOT PROJECT AREA.—The Secretary shall conduct the pilot project on the Federal lands within Plumas National Forest, Lassen National Forest, and the Sierraville Ranger District of Tahoe National Forest in the State of California designated as “Available for Group Selection” on the map entitled “QUINCY LIBRARY GROUP Community Stability Proposal”, dated October 12, 1993 (in this section referred to as the “pilot project area”). Such map shall be on file and available for inspection in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service.